

## National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement FAQ

As of 9/1/15, an educator with a non-conditional/non-expired out of state educator license, from a state that has signed the Interstate NASDTEC agreement, will be eligible for initial licensure in VT to match the same/equivalent endorsement from the other state. Having an out of state educator license from a state that has signed the Interstate NASDTEC agreement would exempt an applicant from the testing requirement for the endorsement on the out of state license.

As of 9/1/15 the following states do not have a signed agreement: New York, New Mexico, South Dakota & Wisconsin. Educators with a license from those states will be required to meet our state's [testing requirement\(s\)](#). For the most recent list please see the [NASDTEC Interstate Agreement Signatories](#).

Regardless of experience, educators who have a non-conditional/non-expired out of state educator license will be licensed in Vermont with a Level I Professional Educator's License. Once that educator has been licensed in Vermont and has taught in Vermont for 3 years, they will be eligible for a Level II Professional Educator's License.

### What is NASDTEC?

The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) was organized in 1928 to facilitate educator licensing from state to state, and to encourage communication between state educator licensing offices, federal agencies, national organizations, and professional educators. [Learn more about NASDTEC](#).

### What does it mean to "apply under the [NASDTEC Interstate Agreement](#)"?

Licensing rules allow the Licensing Office to review the credentials of applicants from other states/ countries under these conditions:

- If a candidate has a current, comparable license (teacher or administrator) from a state with which Vermont has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. \*
- Those who do not meet this condition can obtain licensure through Vermont's Alternative Route: The Peer Review process.

This rule includes candidates who have been issued licenses in foreign countries. These candidates must also demonstrate they meet the equivalent degree requirements specified in the endorsement competencies via an official document credentialing organization. Please contact the Licensing Office for more information if you obtained your education or educator license in a foreign country.

**\*If you meet these conditions, you may apply and complete the Initial Vermont Educator License application online, please see this link for more info:**

**<http://education.vermont.gov/licensing/become-an-educator/traditional-route>.**

**Does Vermont participate in all educator and administrator categories of the Interstate Agreement?**

Yes. Vermont participates in the categories of teacher and administrator. Those applying for categories not covered under the Agreement (i.e. “support services”) may apply for Vermont licensure through a [transcript review](#) process:

- School Psychologist
- School Nurse
- Associate School Nurse
- School Social Worker
- Educational Speech Language Pathologist

**Which states have signed the Interstate Agreement with Vermont?**

Vermont participates with all other states (except the list below). Vermont does not participate in the support services categories.

The following states or jurisdictions have NOT signed an agreement with Vermont:

New York
New Mexico
North Carolina
South Dakota
Wisconsin
Any territory

Educators with expired/lapsed licenses are encouraged to reinstate their licenses in the other state(s) prior to seeking a Vermont license.

**Will I qualify for a Vermont educator license via the Interstate Agreement?**

The Licensing Office can make this determination after we receive a [completed application](#) from you. Determinations are not made via phone or e-mailed inquiries.

**Can I qualify for a Vermont license if I am seeking licensure in a category not already listed like non-instructional support personnel, i.e. school nurse?**

Categories that are not covered by the revised Interstate Agreement as set forth in VSBPE Rule 5323 are evaluated on an individual basis by transcript review to establish whether the applicant meets the competency requirements of these rules. These include: School Psychologist, School Nurse, Associate School Nurse, School Social Worker and Educational Speech Language Pathologist. The Office of Educator Licensing will evaluate your application via a [transcript review](#).

**Can I apply for an educator license if I have completed a college degree (bachelor or masters), but did not attend a state-approved educator preparation program?**

Yes. If you are a Graduate of a Vermont college or university and have the required level of degree (bachelor or masters in the content area or a related field) for the license but did not complete the licensure program **OR** did not receive a recommendation for licensure and do not have a license from another state, you may complete Vermont's Alternative Licensing Route called [Peer Review](#).

**I've read all the instructions carefully and still have questions. Can I call the Licensing Office?**

Monday through Friday 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM **Call the Licensing Help Line:** Telephone: (802) 479 - 1700

**Web page:** [education.vermont.gov/licensing](http://education.vermont.gov/licensing)

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